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FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS-ARGENTINA; IS-ARGENTINA.

ON FEBRUARY 9, 1976, ARGENTINE ARMY LT. COL. VALLADARES,
DEPUTY TO THE COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY
MILITARY INSTITUTES COMMAND AT CAMPO DE MAYO, BUENOS AIRES
PROVINCE, ADVISED THAT THE ARGENTINE ARMY HAD DEFINITELY
RESOLVED ^{THAT} THE NECESSITY ^{NECESSARY AND} OF A MILITARY COUP DETAT TO REMOVE
ARGENTINE PRESIDENT PERON IS INEVITABLE AND THAT THE ARGENTINE
ARMY IS ONLY WAITING FOR THE OPPORTUNE MOMENT TO LAUNCH THE COUP
DETAT WHICH WILL BE COORDINATED WITH THE ARGENTINE NAVY AND
AIR FORCE. COL. VALLADARES NOTED THAT SENIOR ARGENTINE ARMY
GENERALS FEEL THAT THE DISASTROUS STATE OF THE ARGENTINE
ECONOMY, INFLATION, WIDESPREAD ACKNOWLEDGED CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT
CORRUPTION, TERRORISM IN ARGENTINA AND THE INCUMBENT CIVILIAN
GOVERNMENT'S DEMONSTRATED INABILITY TO COPE WITH THESE PROBLEMS,
LEAVE THE ARGENTINE ARMED FORCES WITH NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO
STAGE A COUP DETAT. COL. VALLADARES ADVISED THAT SENIOR ARGENTINE

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ARMY GENERALS BELIEVE THAT A COUP D'ETAT WOULD NOT BE OPPOSED BY THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE ARGENTINE PEOPLE WHO IN FACT WOULD WELCOME ARMED FORCES INTERVENTION IN ORDER TO END THE INACTION AND BUNGLING OF THE INCUMBENT CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT. COL. VALLADARES ADVISED THAT NO DEFINITE TIME FRAME HAD YET BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR THE COUP D'ETAT BUT VOICED HIS PERSONAL OPINION THAT IT COULD OCCUR AT ANY TIME DURING THE NEXT TWO WEEKS, DEPENDING ON THE PROGRESSION OF EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. (S) (U)

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FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS-ARGENTINA; IS-ARGENTINA; ARGENTINE
TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FPM-ARGENTINA.

ON FEBRUARY 9, 1976, [AN OFFICIAL OF THE FEDERAL POLICE OF
ARGENTINA (FPA) PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:] ~~(S)~~ (U)

DURING THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF FEBRUARY 9, 1976, A
BOMB DETONATED AT A BRANCH OF THE FIRST NATIONAL CITY BANK
OF NEW YORK LOCATED AT VILLA URQUIZA, BUENOS AIRES. THE BOMB
CAUSED MODERATE STRUCTURAL DAMAGE AND RESULTED IN NO PERSONAL
INJURIES. TO DATE, NO TERRORIST ORGANIZATION HAS CLAIMED
CREDIT FOR THE BOMBING.

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BESTEIRO, DIRECTOR OF FEDERAL SECURITY, FPA.] ~~(S)~~ (U)

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[Com. Gen. Enrique Besteiro] ~~(S)~~ (U)

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THE AMBASSADOR
VIA ACTING DCM

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LEGAL ATTACHE ROBERT W. SCHERRER

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FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - ARGENTINA

On 2/9/76, the Deputy to General RIVEROS, Commander of the Argentine Army Military Institute's Command at Campo de Mayo, advised that the Argentine Army had definitely resolved that a coup to remove Argentine President PERON is necessary and inevitable and that the Argentine Army is only waiting for the opportune moment to launch the coup, which will be coordinated with the Argentine Navy and Air Force. Source noted that General RIVEROS recently commented that senior Argentine Army Generals feel that the disastrous conditions in Argentina and the Government's inability to cope with these problems, leave the Argentine armed forces with no alternative but to stage a coup. Source advised that General RIVEROS stated that senior Argentine Army Generals believe that a coup would not be opposed by the vast majority of the Argentine people, and that a growing number of them would welcome armed forces intervention in order to end inaction and bungling of the incumbent civilian government. (S) (U)

The source, who is a Lieutenant Colonel, advised that to his knowledge no definite time frame had yet been established for the coup, but expressed his personal opinion that it could occur at any time during the next two weeks, depending on the progression of events throughout the country. (S) (U)

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FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - ARGENTINA; IS - ARGENTINA.

ON FEBURARY 12, 1966, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD, WHO IS A SENIOR ACTIVE DUTY COLONEL CONNECTED WITH THE ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE, PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: (S) (U)

FROM ALL INFORMATION AVAILABLE, IT IS HIS JUDGEMENT THAT THE ARGENTINE ARMED FORCES WILL STAGE A COUP D'etat AGAINST THE ~~Peron~~ GOVERNMENT ON OR ABOUT FEBRUARY 24-25, 1976. IT IS HIS BELIEF THAT ARGENTINE ARMY GENERAL ROBERTO VIOLA, INCUMBENT CHIEF OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY ESTADO MAYOR, WILL RESIGN FROM ACTIVE DUTY AND BECOME PRESIDENT, WHILE INCUMBENT ARGENTINE ARMY COMMANDER, GENERAL RAFAEL VIDELA, WILL REMAIN AS ARMY COMMANDER. (S) (U)

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ADMINISTRATIVE - [SOURCE IS COLONEL ALBERTO VALIN, CHIEF, AAIS] (S) (U)

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